

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TELEPHONE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether spare parts of Telephone instruments and cables are not being procured in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited under the pressure of private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several Telephone Exchanges especially Tughlakabad, Kalkaji, Batra Institutional Area Telephone Exchanges situated at South Delhi are facing acute shortage of Telephone cables due to which hundreds of phones and telephone booths for handicapped persons are not in working condition;
- (d) whether the Government has framed any policy to procure Telephone cables in Delhi, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) There is no shortage of cable in Central Store Depot as well as cable pairs in the exchanges including the three exchanges in South Delhi. The cable faults are being attended and duly rectified.
- (d) Procurement of telephone cables is done as per purchase procedure and requirement of MTNL.
- (e) & (f) Do not arise in view of (d) above.